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AMENDING THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA," APPROVED FEBRUARY 1, 1907

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Mr. PASTORE, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2379]

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The Committee on the District of Columbia, to which was referred the bill (S. 2379) to amend the act entitled "An act to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine in the District of Columbia," approved February 1, 1907, after full consideration, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

The purpose of this bill is to accomplish the following:

1. Remove the present requirement that each member of the Board of Examiners in Veterinary Medicine be a bona fide resident of the District of Columbia. However, the requirement that members of the Board shall have been in active practice of veterinary medicine in the District for 3 years next preceding their appointments, remains in the act.

2. Increase the course of study required of licensees to four 9-month college sessions, in place of the present requirement of two 6-month college sessions. This is in accord with present practice in the various schools of veterinary medicine, which require a minimum course of 4 years.

3. Delete the provision in existing law relative to the licensing of graduates of 2-year colleges who have had 5 years' practice. This is rendered necessary by the proposed increase in educational requirements.

4. Increase the license fee from $10 to $25. This is necessary in order to meet the expenses of the Board of Examiners. Since 1944 none of the five members of the Board have received any compensation for any work connected with the Board, and the Commissioners believe that it is equitable that these members of the Board of Examiners be given some compensation for the work involved in preparing and grading examinations.

5. Provide for holding examinations whenever one or more applicants desire, in lieu of the present requirement that examinations be held in January, April, July, and October of each year. From the small number of persons making application in each year, the scheduling of four examinations each year is not feasible. Accordingly, it is desirable that the Board be authorized to conduct an examination at the request of an applicant or applicants for a license to practice veterinary medicine in the District of Columbia.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection (4) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law in the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

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That there be, and is hereby, created a board of examiners in veterinary medicine, to be appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, which shall consist of five reputable practitioners of veterinary medicine, who shall have graduated from some college authorized by law to confer degrees, each of whom [shall have been a bona fide resident of said District for three years last past before appointment, and each, during said period,] shall have been actively engaged in the practice of his profession in said District *for a period of three years immediately prior to such appointment.*

SEC. 2. * * *

SEC. 3. * * *

[Application for this purpose shall be upon a form furnished by said Board, and shall be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of good moral character, and by a diploma from some veterinary college authorized by law to confer the same, which college shall require at least two sessions of study of veterinary medicine of not less than six months each prior to the issue of such diploma, and graduates of two-year colleges shall accompany their diplomas by satisfactory evidence that they have practiced veterinary medicine for five years last past subsequent to the issue of such diplomas, and by a fee of ten dollars, except as herein otherwise directed, and from the fund thus created the board shall pay such necessary expenses as it may incur.]

Application for this purpose shall be upon a form furnished by said board, and shall be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of good moral character, by a diploma from some veterinary college approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association and authorized by law to confer the same, which college shall require at least four sessions of study of veterinary medicine of not less than nine months each prior to the issue of such diploma, and by a fee of twenty-five dollars, except as herein otherwise directed, and from the fund thus created, the board shall pay such necessary expenses as it may incur. * * *

Such examinations shall be held [in January, April, July, and October of each year,] *when one or more applicants desire examination* and shall include all such subjects as are ordinarily included in the curricula of veterinary colleges in good standing, but examinations may be held at such other times and include such other subjects as said boards shall authorize and direct.

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